

Dampura School Newsletter

November 2021

A note from CFDC and the principal

Welcome to the CFDC Dampura School newsletter for November 2021. Thank you for your continued support in helping make possible the changes included in this update.

Like many other countries in the world, the second wave of Corona virus in India turned out to be far more deadly than the first, but this is now improving. On 17 October 2021 the Times of India reported 10 new Corona virus positive cases in Ahmedabad, which raised the state of Gujarat infection total to 826,290 according to the Health Department. For the ninth consecutive day, the state did not report any Covid 19 fatalities, keeping the death toll unchanged at 10,086.

Dhampura has seen fewer positive Corona virus cases due to its rural location and thankfully few fatalities. Lockdowns leading to school closure for several months has meant we have had less to report and therefore have not been able to send a newsletter until now.



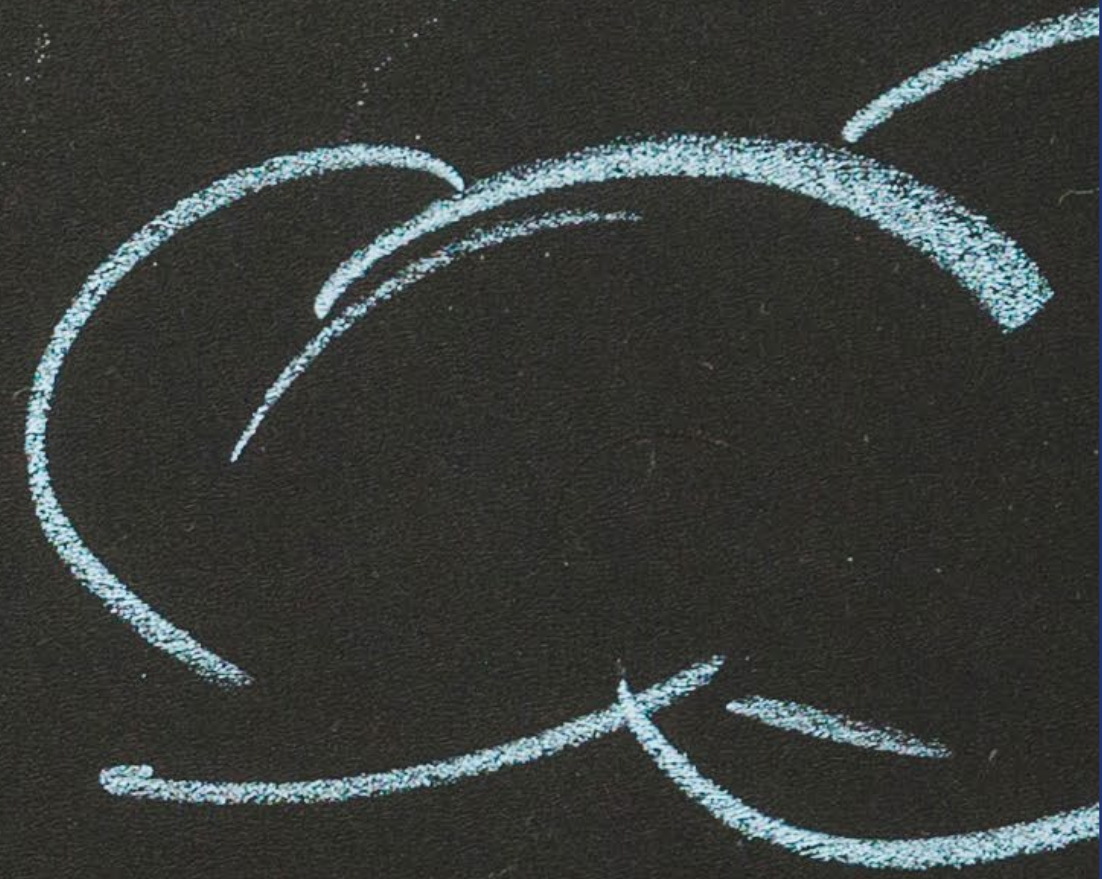
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Not much holds us back...

Dampura is a poor rural community, and the school closure meant that most students had had little access to any form of education. Without families having access to technology, teachers were unable to rely on the use of laptops or mobile phones to help students continue learning. Therefore where possible the teachers continued to teach in small bubbles of students and teachers. This approach was not the same as having school completely open but was still seen to be very successful.



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Back to school

In September 2021 the Indian government allowed the re-opening of all schools for a limited age group, Standard 6 to 8. This was great news and a hope for return to some sort of normality. Since then, we have continued to provide the children with our regular supply of notebooks and other material and have been able to hold a drawing competition to tackle cleanliness in the environment. This has produced some excellent artwork, as can be seen from Rupal's prize winning piece.





Top of the class

Even with the struggles we have had this year, our team of teachers continue to excel. We are very proud to announce that one of our teachers, Sonalben Pandit was awarded Best Teacher award for co-curricular activity, online education, and innovation in education by the Government of India.



Two left feet?

On a lighter note, the whole of Gujarat had waited in anticipation for the annual festival of Navratri Garba in October, 9-11 days of dancing to celebrate the Goddess Durga. Last year Corona Virus put a stop to this event, but this year the government allowed one day for the students and teachers to celebrate and dance together.



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Our own Picasso

Our own Picasso, Rupal once again won first price for the Taluka Level Picture Competition held for Mahatma Gandhi's birthday on 2nd October.

In addition to the Taluka Competition, the students also had to come up with a slogan on hygiene, oratory competition, and an essay competition.

